

ACCOUNT

FROM

Colonel Wolesely,



OF THE

DEFEAT of the *IRISH*,*Written from Belturbat, the 14th of February 1690.*

Since I writ my last, a Gentleman is come hither from the Countrey of *Westmeath*, who tells me he saw, after the Fight at *Cavan*, great numbers of Soldiers all without Arms, having thrown them away in their Flight, so that the Road and Ditches were fill'd with them; that he saw likewise a great many wounded men, among whom were several Officers; that Brigadier *Nugent* was mortally wounded; and that the *Irish* owne the loss of 300 Men, and of 14 Commission Officers that were kill'd upon the place. He says there is a great quantity of Hay laid up at *Finagh*, and that all the Horses in the Countrey were press'd to carry the same to *Cavan*, but that the noise of this defeat have put a stop to it. We have taken from the Enemy 4000 *l.* in Brass-money.

Just now Sir *John Lanier* sends us word that he marched last *Friday* night from *Nury* towards *Dundalk*, that passing by *Bedloe* Castle, in which there was an Ensign with 34 Men, Colonel *Leveson's* Dragoons immediately storm'd it, kill'd 10 of the *Irish*, and took the rest Prisoners, and burnt the Castle, in which there was a great deal of Provisions, then they advanced to the back of the Town of *Dundalk*, Brigadier *Steward* marching at the same time with the Foot to the other side of the Town, and burnt about 20 Houses, the Garison keeping close within their Intrenchment: After which they return'd to *Nury*, with a Booty of 1000 Cows, and 200 Garrones, having had a French Lieutenant kill'd, and four or five Dragoons wounded.

Our Men shewed in this, as in former Occasions, a very great forwardness to engage the enemy, notwithstanding the inequality of their number, and gave new Proofs of their Courages and Bravery, particularly Major-General *Kirke's* Men. The eight French Officers your Grace sent hither behaved themselves likewise very well.